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TOPIC Military Information from Wittenberg

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 6 September 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. &amp; TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. At the end of July 1951 [REDACTED] the majority of the units from the Wittenberg (N 52/E 37) post were in summer camps, allegedly in the Jueterbog area. The Beseler Kaserne was completely vacant, and the Lerchenberg Kaserne was still occupied by tank units and recently by a large engineer unit. Forty-five vehicles of the bridge-construction unit were seen in the yard of the Lerchenberg Kaserne. They included 4 amphibious cars, 2 50X1-HUM vehicles with motorboats, 8 vehicles with pontoons, and trucks with bridge building equipment.

2. At the end of July, troops were seen starting the construction of bridges at three places on the Elbe River. Two of the bridges were started from the north bank of the river at the former engineer training site near Labetz east of Wittenberg, and the third bridge was started from both river banks near the airfield west of the railroad bridge. In addition, a landing ramp was built at the engineer training site. The useable width of each bridge approach was about 3.5 meters. \*

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. With the exception of the engineer troops in the Lerchenberg Kaserne, the occupation of the barracks installations mentioned had not changed since the reports of mid-July 1951 [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

[REDACTED] According to the vehicle [REDACTED] mentioned in the present report, the engineer troops belonged to several components of the Third Gds Vecz Army [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A trainload of troops of the latter regiment, which is stationed in the barracks installation on Schumke Lake near Sperenberg, was reported 50X1-HUM to have been en route from Sperenberg to Wittenberg on 26 April 1951. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The unit probably went to the engineer training site at Labetz, which has been used since 1950. The exercises mentioned in the 50X1-HUM present report probably involved engineer troops of the aforementioned units.

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